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The AMSN Board of Directors met at the AMSN National Office in Pitman, NJ June 23-24, 2006. One of the items discussed involved a statement issued by the Coalition for Patient's Rights (CPR) calling for the American Medical Association (AMA) to cease its divisive efforts to limit patient's choice of health care providers.

The CPR was formed in response to efforts by the AMA and other physician groups to limit the ability of licensed health care professionals to provide care to million of patients. Comprised of groups representing more than 3 million licensed health care professionals, the CPR is focusing efforts toward ensuring that the growing needs of the American health system can be met and that patients have access to quality health care providers of their choice.

In a joint statement endorsed by the 24 health care groups that comprise the coalition, the CPR expressed concern about the negative impact on patients if their ability to seek care from advanced practice nurses, psychologists, nurse midwives, chiropractors, and other licensed, qualified health care providers is limited. The CPR is calling on the AMA and other physician groups to cease their efforts at opposing the established practice rights of CPR members. The coalition also seeks an end to legislation at the state level that would reduce provider options for patients.

For more information about the Coalition for Patient's Rights, including a complete list of coalition members, please visit www.patientsrightscoalition.org

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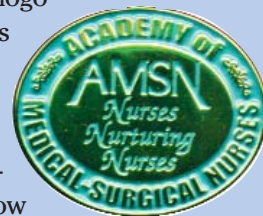
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AMSN Clinical Practice Committee Update

The Clinical Practice Committee (CPC) has outlined the details and timeline to meet the goal of disseminating research information to AMSN members. A survey will be sent out to determine if there is interest in having an online journal club. If the results are positive, the "chat room" will be launched in November 2006. To assist nurses in critiquing research articles, a CE program will also be placed on the Web site in November.

A survey will be sent to members to determine the need for a list of research/evidence-based practice mentors on the Internet. The goal of these multiple surveys is to guide the committee in making decisions that reflect the needs of the membership. Please take a few minutes to make your thoughts known.

Lastly, the committee has received and will be reviewing nominations for the Clinical Practice and Clinical Leadership Awards, which will be given out at the convention in Philadelphia in September. As the countdown to convention begins, make your plans to attend this event. It will also be an opportunity to meet members of the Clinical Practice Committee and discuss face to face how this committee can best serve you!

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